

# Top Spin

## Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter!

Hope you enjoy this seasonal edition and remember, articles are welcome.



## League matches

The club entered a mixed team in the Aldershot and District LTA winter league. There have been a few matches played but the weather has meant one to be rearranged a couple of times. Some wins and some losses, but all enjoyable. If you are interested in playing for your club please let Gillian know.

## Coaching News

Our new coaching programme has been underway this term and we have 2 junior groups running on **Mondays 3.45-4.30 and 4.30-5.30 for ages 4-14**. For the adults we have a class on a **Wednesday morning 9.45-10.45** run by our very experienced coach Alex. This session is for all levels and is booked on a pay and play weekly basis through the Return Tennis booking app.

We are in the middle of organising our school and community session which are running from January to March in time for our **Open Day on March 23rd**. If anyone has any great contact with schools or community groups like the scouts please let me know as any connection is valuable.

Before Christmas we are also running a Christmas tennis session on **Friday 22nd December 2.30-5** for all children **aged 4-16 years old**. It will be a fun time for all with lots of Christmas games and challenges to cater for all levels of tennis.

For more information please contact Matt on 07835705286 or email [info@returnstennis.co.uk](mailto:info@returnstennis.co.uk).

## Gin and Quiz evening

Gin and Quiz fundraising evening is planned for **Fri 1st March 2024** at St George's Church Hall with Richard and Nicki. Live music and quizzing! Further details via email in the New Year.

This event is hoped to raise much needed funds towards the resurfacing of the courts, currently planned for 2027. As this is deemed a maintenance project, grants will be more difficult to secure.

Many fund raising events will be planned over the next few years. If you have a good idea for raising money please let a committee member know. See you on the 1st!

<https://www.nibbsspirits.co.uk/>



## Club Sessions

The Saturday club sessions, 10:00am, are now a regular fixture so please come down and join in. The Thursday evening club sessions, **6pm**, weather permitting. Please come and join us.



## Court Usage

Please remember to use the Google Calendar booking system. It guarantees you have the court when you want it, rather than turning up hoping for a free court. **You can now book time on both courts.**

Please sign the attendance sheet if you use any clubhouse facilities, including the ball machine(s).

## Club Landscaping Project

The Club's landscaping project is well underway. Thank you to all who have come along and helped in a variety of ways. The new slabs were better than was expected so have been used in the main area. The unevenness is being removed and the old slabs reused in less walked areas. Below are a few progress pictures.

Delivery on to public court and shifting to clubhouse area



Progress...



## Fundraising

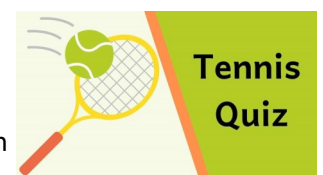
With Christmas approaching and last minute gifts please remember to use **easyfundraising** every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise **FREE** donations for us no matter what you're buying. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely **FREE**. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

See page 4 for full details

## Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. What Oscar winning child star married professional tennis player John McEnroe in 1986?
2. Who was the first Asian woman tennis player to be ranked world number one?
3. In tennis, what does ATP stand for?
4. Which is the fourth and last of the tennis Grand Slam tournaments to be played each year?
5. What is the maximum diameter of an official tennis ball (in inches)?



# Club Reminders




## Ball Machines

We are fortunate to have two excellent ball machines at the club. Have you used them yet? They can give you a variety of ball deliveries to help improve your returns. The pre-season check-up found lots of balls jammed inside. If that starts happening again, please report it to the committee for repair. There is an instruction sheet in the clubhouse.

To help the longevity of the tennis balls we also have a ball pressuriser. Please try and use this after you have used the ball machine. Again there is an instruction sheet in the clubhouse.

Contact Gillian if you wish to have a walk through on how to use it.




Both ball machines now have a remote control, so you can start and stop them from other end of court!

**[To enable it: turn on the “Remote Control” switch, then press the A button on the fob to enable/disable ball feed, or C for the oscillator].**




## Club Clothing

Why not promote the club ? - we have our own club clothing range. Please see our [website](#). Click on ‘Tennis Kit’ on the top menu.




Articles are welcome for our 2024 Spring edition of the club newsletter. Please send through to Gillian for their review and inclusion.



## Newsletters

Copies of previous issues of the Club’s newsletter can be found on the Club website, see footer of web page.



## LTA and Wimbledon Ballot

All members are encouraged to belong to LTA as an Advantage Play+ member and affiliate to the Badshot Lea Tennis Club. **It is free!** This will give you free entry to the Wimbledon Ballot in 2024 and many more exclusive venues and offers.

<https://www2.lta.org.uk/advantage/> then Click on Advantage Play—it is FREE!

Login to your Advantage Home using your *LTA Username* and *Password*

Head to your benefits page and click on the ‘LTA Wimbledon Ballot Opt In’ benefit

Once there, simply click on the *Opt In* button

Emails have been sent by the LTA reminding of your opt in. If you have not yet registered for Advantage+ you have until 14 January. *Opt In* will be open from 14 November 2023 to 14 January 2024.

**Good Luck**



**Quiz Answers**

- 1 Tatum O'Neal
- 2 Naomi Osaka
- 3 Association of Tennis Professionals
- 4 The U.S. Open
- 5 2.7 inches

## Club Fundraising

Please share this fund raising page with friends and family to help continue to raise revenue for the club and the court resurfacing fund. Thank you.



We are continuing to Fundraise for the Club

Members registered with **easyfundraising** and shopping online are raising quite a few £s for the Club. Have you joined yet?

If you're not supporting Badshot Lea Tennis Club yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 7,000+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Now a QR code for easy link up.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=gs-e1)

There are over 7,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including **eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, Screwfix and M&S** – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

There are no catches or hidden charges and Badshot Lea Tennis Club will be really grateful for your donations. Please invite your friends and family to join and help us raise funds for the Club.

Thank you for your support.



Localgiving is the UK's number one support network for local charities and community groups. The National Lottery Magic Little Grants have awarded Badshot Lea Tennis Club £500 towards the landscaping improvement project. As part of this, there is a Localgiving website for the Club providing more details on how to donate and help the club. Please see our site <https://localgiving.org/charity/badshot-lea-tennis-club/>

**MY · CLUB · MARKET** [Shop Now](#)

My Club Market is an eShop where you can buy anything sports-related; get a great deal, AND raise money for us. **10% from every sale supports Badshot Lea Tennis Club.**

We have already funded 4 Junior Rackets for the Club through this site.

So when you're doing your shopping, please think of using our Outlet, and asking your friends and family to do the same. Every little helps - so thanks for your support!

<https://myclubmarket.co.uk/market/badshotleatennisclub/>

